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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS- REPORT OF 15TH PLENARY, JULY 17

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NUMBER SIXTY-EIGHT

1. SUMMARY: STOESSEL STATEMENT PRESENTED US VIEWS OF
OBSERVER ACTIVITIES FROM BEGINNING TO END CONNECTED
WITH A GROUP EXCAVATION EXPLOSION WHOSE AGGREGATE YIELD
IS IN EXCESS OF LIMIT FOR SINGLE EXCAVATION EXPLOSION.
SOVIET SIDE HAD NO PREPARED STATEMENT AND THERE WERE NO
QUESTIONS. DATE OF NEXT PLENARY SESSION NOT YET SET
AS US SIDE HAS NO STATEMENT AND SOVIET-SIDE WILL
PROBABLY NOT BE READY TO GIVE STATEMENT UNTIL JULY 21.
END SUMMARY.

2. STOESSEL STATEMENT (SEPTTEL) NOTED THAT TWO PREVIOUS
STATEMENTS WERE DESIGNED TO ILLUSTRATE HOW CERTAIN
OBSERVER RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS WERE RELATED TO AGREED
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENTS ARRIVED AT BY EXPERTS' GROUPS.
HE THEN ILLUSTRATED OBSERVER ACTIVITIES FROM BEGINNING
TO END WHICH COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH A GROUP EXCAVATION
EXPLOSION WITH AGGREGATE YIELD IN EXCESS OF LIMIT FOR
SINGLE EXCAVATION EXPLOSION.

3. OBSERVERS WOULD PERFORM ANY OR ALL OF SEVEN GENERAL TASKS:

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(A) CONFIRM VALIDITY OF INFORMATION EXCHANGED ON DEPTH-

OF-BURIAL OF EACH EXPLOSIVE, GEOMETRY OF EMPLACEMENT HOLE, RELATIVE POSITION OF EACH EXPLOSION IN GROUP AND RELATIVE TIMES OF EXPLOSIONS;

(B) CONFIRM VALIDITY OF INFORMATION ON GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ROCK UNITS SURROUNDING EACH POINT OF EXPLOSIVE EMPLACEMENT;

(C) VERIFY TOTAL YIELD USING SLIFER EQUIPMENT;

(D) CONFIRM FISSION YIELD OF EACH EXPLOSION;

(E) MAKE RADIATION FIELD MEASUREMENTS;

(F) EMPLACE AND OPERATE NETWORK OF PORTABLE INSTRUMENT PACKAGES, WHICH COULD INCLUDE SEISMOMETERS;

(G) CONFIRM THAT CIRCUMSTANCES AT SITE ARE CONSISTENT WITH STATED PEACEFUL PURPOSE.

4. ACTIVITIES OF OBSERVERS AND ALL TECHNICAL INSTRUMENTS WOULD BE OPEN TO EXAMINATION, AND NUMBER OF OBSERVERS WOULD VARY FROM PROJECT TO PROJECT WITHIN AGREED LIMITS DEPENDING ON SCOPE AND COMPLEXITY OF PROJECT.

5. FOLLOWING INITIAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE, OBSERVERS WOULD BE PRESENT AT START OF DRILLING EMPLACEMENT HOLES. GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL INFORMATION WOULD BE CONFIRMED AND GEOMETRY AND DEPTH OF EMPLACEMENT HOLE MEASURED AND LOCATION OF EMPLACEMENT HOLES AND PERTINENT DOWN-HOLE COORDINATES CONFIRMED. OBSERVERS WILL BRING SLIFER EQUIPMENT. THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED BY HOST SIDE AND VERIFYING SIDE WILL CHECK-OUT AND OPERATE EQUIPMENT.

6. OBSERVERS SHOULD HAVE RIGHT TO BRING INSTRUMENTS TO MAKE INDEPENDENT MEASUREMENT OF CERTAIN RESULTS OF EXPLOSIONS. INSTRUMENTS WILL INCLUDE PORTABLE INSTRUMENT PACKAGES, OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, RADIATION SURVEY INSTRUMENTS AND AUXILIARY TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR RECORDING DATA, CARRYING SPECIMENS AND FIELD MAINTENANCE.

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7. OBSERVERS SHOULD HAVE RIGHT TO EXAMINE INSTRUMENTATION WITHIN THE AREA ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPLOSION, EXCEPT FOR EQUIPMENT ELECTRICALLY CONNECTED TO EXPLOSIVES CANNISTERS. OBSERVERS SHOULD HAVE RIGHT TO PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECT AREA INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION FEATURES AT ANY TIME. OBSERVERS WILL EMPLACE PORTABLE INSTRUMENT PACKAGES WITHIN 10 KILOMETERS OF POINTS OF EXPLOSIVE EMPLACEMENTS. SEISMOMETERS

WILL SERVE TO CONFIRM ABSENCE OF UNANNOUNCED EXPLOSIONS.

8. DURING SLIFER EMPLACEMENT OBSERVERS WILL CONFIRM DEPTH OF EXPLOSIVE EMPLACEMENT; STEMMING OPERATION WILL BE OBSERVED, AND OBSERVERS WILL TAKE SAMPLES OF EACH BATCH OF STEMMING MATERIAL.

9. OBSERVERS WILL WITNESS AND PHOTOGRAPH DETONATIONS.

10. OBSERVERS WILL SELECT MELT SAMPLES, WHICH WILL REMAIN IN CUSTODY OF OBSERVERS AND BE TRANSPORTED TO OWN COUNTRY FOR ANALYSIS.

11. OBSERVERS WILL COLLECT DATA FROM INSTRUMENTS THAT RECORD SLIFER AND LOCAL SEISMOMETER DATA. COPIES OF THE DATA WILL BE SUPPLIED TO HOST SIDE AND PRELIMINARY POST-SHOT DATA SUPPLIED BY HOST SIDE WILL BE REVIEWED.

12. REASONABLE RIGHTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR RETURN TO SITE TO CLARIFY INCONSISTENCIES THAT MAY ARISE DURING ANALYSIS OF RESULTS AND DATA PROVIDED BY HOST SIDE.

13. BEFORE PLENARY, TIMERBAEV TOLD STOESSEL THAT SOVIET SIDE IS PREPARING STATEMENT ON SLIFERS WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE READY FOR A PLEANRY JULY 18 BUT MORE LIKELY WOULD BE READY NEXT WEEK.

14. DURING MORNING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION JULY 17, TIMERBAEV TOLD BUCHHEIM THAT: (A) MOROKHOV WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND PLENARY TODAY, (B) SOVIET SIDE WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT AT PLENARY TODAY, (C) STATEMENT THAT IS BEING PREPARED (ON LTBT) WILL HAVE TO BE DELIVERED IN RESTRICTED MEETING AND WILL NOT BE READY BEFORE "EARLY NEXT WEEK."

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15. REFERENCE STATE 167657. DELEGATION HAS NO REPEAT NO IDEA WHEN NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED. GLAZER WILL PLAN TO GO TO GENEVA WHEN RELEASED HERE AND WE WILL INFORM GENEVA WHENEVER AN ESTIMATE OF DATE BECOMES POSSIBLE. KRENZEL LEAVE PLANS WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY. STOESSEL

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